

**PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES – June 27, 2013**

The Perry County Council met on the above date at 4:30 p.m. as was duly advertised. Council members in attendance were: President Steve Goodson, Pro-Tem Jim Adams, Stan Goffinet, Dianne Rudolph, Chet Mathena, Ron Crawford, Sr. and Jody French. A media representative from the Perry County News was present.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Steve Goodson explained that before a motion is made on any item there would be a discussion and then he would ask for a motion and a vote would be taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting of May 30, 2013 had been mailed to each council member for their review. Dianne made the motion to approve the minutes and Jim seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

TRANSFERS

Sheriff Lee Chestnut requested a transfer from the Third Police Officer Salary to Sheriff Salary in the amount of \$935.00. Lee explained that the sheriff receives one half of the salary paid to the Prosecuting Attorney. The State of Indiana has allowed a pay raise for the Prosecuting Attorney starting July 1st. Lee has the extra money in the position of the Third Police Officer because one officer is on workers compensation. Ron made the motion to approve the request and Stan seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Adam Temple, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department, requested a transfer in the amount of \$200.00 from Recreational Programs to Equipment Repairs. Adam explained that the money will be used to replace the back brakes on the truck. Dianne made the motion to approve the transfer request and Jim seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

TRANSFER APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

CC-13-5

WHEREAS, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT IT IS NOW NECESSARY TO TRANSFER MONEY FROM ONE MAJOR BUDGET CLASSIFICATION TO ANOTHER MAJOR BUDGET CLASSIFICATION IN THE FOLLOWING NAMED BUDGET; NOW THEREFORE:

SEC. 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF PERRY COUNTY, PERRY COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT THE FOLLOWING TRANSFERS BE MADE IN THE FOLLOWING MADE BUDGET:

COUNTY GENERAL FUND

TRANSFER \$ 935.00
FROM: ACCOUNT #1000-005-1000.14
THIRD POLICE OFFICER SALARY
TO: ACCOUNT #1000-005-1000.11
SHERIFF SALARY \$ 935.00
WITHIN: SHERIFF'S BUDGET

TRANSFER \$ 200.00
FROM: ACCOUNT #1000-803-3000.92
RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS
TO: ACCOUNT #1000-803-3000.62
EQUIPMENT REPAIRS \$ 200.00
WITHIN: PARK & RECREATION BUDGET

ADOPTED THIS 27th DAY OF JUNE, 2013

NAY

AYE
STEVE GOODSON/S/
JAMES K. ADAMS/S/
STAN GOFFINET/S/
DIANNE RUDOLPH /S/
CHESTER MATHENA /S/
RON CRAWFORD SR. /S/
JODY FRENCH /S/

ATTEST:
CONNIE A. BERGER
PERRY COUNTY AUDITOR

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Perry County Sheriff, Lee Chestnut, requested an additional appropriation within the PC Sex & Violent Offenders Fund for Internet Service in the amount of \$211.00. Jim made the motion to approve the request and Stan seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 13-CC-05

WHEREAS, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT IT IS NOW NECESSARY TO APPROPRIATE MORE MONEY THAN WAS APPROPRIATED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET; NOW, THEREFORE:

SEC. 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF PERRY COUNTY, PERRY COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE TAXING UNIT THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL SUMS OF MONEY ARE HEREBY APPROPRIATED OUT OF THE FUNDS NAMED AND FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED, SUBJECT TO LAWS GOVERNING THE SAME:

PC SEX & VIOLENT OFFENDERS FUND	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	AYE	NAY
<u>PERRY CO SHERIFF</u> #1192-005-3000.24 INTERNET	\$ 211.00	\$ 211.00	7	0
PC SEX & VIOLENT OFFENDERS FUND TOTAL:	\$ 211.00	\$ 211.00		

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AMENDMENT TO SALARY ORDINANCE

County Auditor, Connie Berger, explained that since the transfer request had been allowed in the County General fund for the position of Sheriff Salary the salary ordinance would need to be amended in the amount of \$77.53. Ron made the motion to amend the salary ordinance and Jim seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AND EMA VEHICLES

Ed Feix, Highway Superintendent, and Steve Hauser, EMA Director, attended the meeting and explained to the county council why they were asking for a motion of intent for the approval of an additional appropriation request at their July meeting. Ed explained that currently the highway department is short two pickup trucks, and he would like to place the superintendent's pickup truck in the highway fleet. Steve explained that the EMA director's vehicle has been on a 5-year replacement schedule and in 2014 the current vehicle will be 6 years old. They proposed that the highway department will purchase the 2008 Expedition from the EMA for \$15,000.00 to be used by the highway superintendent. The EMA director will purchase a new vehicle. Ed stated that the highway department will do a transfer of funds within their current budget to cover the \$15,000.00. Steve explained that the EMA vehicle would be purchased out of the Riverboat Revenue Sharing Fund for a total cost of \$33,535.00. The \$15,000.00 from the highway fund will be transferred into the Riverboat Revenue Sharing fund. If the council gives a motion of intent tonight to approve the request in July, Steve will be able to order a vehicle and lock in the price. Chet made a motion of intent to approve an additional appropriation request at the county council meeting on July 25th in the amount of \$33,535 within the Riverboat Revenue Sharing fund for the EMA Vehicle & Equipment. Ron seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Board Appointment: County Auditor Connie Berger informed the County Council members that at their July meeting they will have to make an appointment to the ADA Steering Committee. This committee will provide guidance and recommendations to the County Commissioners in developing the actual work program for ADA minor projects. This appointment has to be a County Council member

Council Member Ron Crawford Sr. had several items to discuss:

Health Insurance: Ron stated that he had read in the Perry County News that the Port Authority was able to save several thousand dollars on health insurance by changing carriers. Ron would like to see the county receive quotes from several different companies in order to see if the county could save money on health insurance. He also would like to see the number of trustees increased to include more council members. Steve stated that any change to the number of trustees would be up to the county commissioners. Stan commented that insurance is a large part of the budget and any type of saving would keep more money in the county general fund. Ron stated that he hoped the commissioners would consider increasing the number of insurance trustees.

Hiring Freeze: Ron stated he had heard that several counties are laying off employees and they also have hiring freezes in place. He would like to see a hiring freeze put in place in Perry County. It is not that current employees would be laid off, but if someone quit and it was not a necessary position, that position would be made a part time position. Ron stated that this will save the county some money. He would like for council members to consider a hire freeze and think about it for a few months and then it can be discussed at that time.

County Commissioner, Tom Hauser, asked to speak about a hiring freeze and County Health Insurance. Tom stated that that in most counties the hiring freeze pertains to new positions, not the replacement of current employees that leave employment.

He also stated that any change on the health insurance is done by the County Commissioners. The trustees only make recommendations to the commissioners.

County Member Stan Goffinet stated that he would like to see if a county department has an employee either quit or retire that the department work with the county council before they replace that person. Stan said it was his understanding that this is the

way other counties are doing it. Tom stated that he respected the council position on this subject, but would like to check with legal counsel on the subject.

2014 Budget Dates: Ron commented that he would like to see the budget session take place on Monday, September 30th and Tuesday, October 1st and take Wednesday, October 2nd off to have time to review all budgets and then come in on Thursday, October 3rd to make any changes to budgets and then adopt the budgets. He also felt this would give the auditor office more time get everything figured. Also when working on budgets in 2014 he would like to see the dates changed so that early voting can take place in the commissioner's room. County Auditor, Connie Berger, explained that she would have to check with the Department of Local Government Finance on how the advertising of the budget days works, but felt it would not save any time on figuring budgets if council members came back on that last day and made changes to the budget figures.

There being no further business, Jim made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Stan seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0, with adjournment at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes approved this 25th of July, 2013

President, Perry County Council

Minutes prepared by:
Connie A. Berger, Perry County Auditor